

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**CCPI-MRBI Whitley County SWCD**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> CCPI-MRBI Whitley County SWCD		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. This application will result in the following four (4) items implemented as a system on the same land unit in at least 3 consecutive years a. (329) - Continuous No-Till meeting the 329 standard; b. (590) - Nutrient Management meeting the 590 standard (No fall commercial nitrogen applications for spring-seeded crops unless an inhibitor is used; DAP and MAP are allowed); c. (340) - Cover Crops (unharvested); d. (327/342/386/390/391/393) - Buffers adjacent to all water bodies and on at least 2% of the land unit acres.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will address a ground or surface water quality concern in a 303(d) watershed or a watershed with a developed TMDL for non-point source impairment using the FY13 Ranking Tool (Question 2(1) or Question 2(2)).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Any part of the application acres lies in one or more identified priority resource concern areas listed in the FY11 Indiana State Resource Assessment, as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool and the application includes practices that will address one or more of those concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application includes one or more practices that will address an identified surface water quality resource concern and is located within a Surface Drinking Watershed Area identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. This application includes one or more practices that address an identified groundwater quality resource concern and the offered acreage is within the Indiana karst region OR the offered acreage contains soils with a Leachability Index of 10 or higher as identified through the FY13 Ranking Tool.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application is based on a conservation plan that has been approved by the producer (signed) prior to October 1, 2012.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application will address an existing invasives species concern and where applicable will occur in concert with neighboring landowners also addressing invasive species.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application will address an existing resource concern caused by the production of specialty crops (including USDA Certified Organic).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address existing resource concerns using forestry practices per the Indiana EQIP Guidelines.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will use only wildlife friendly grasses (as identified by the FOTG Standard 645) for vegetative practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. This application is from an applicant (by Tax ID number) who has not participated in EQIP in the past, or if they have had a prior-approved contract, it is/has been in good standing.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This application includes less than three (3) contract items OR all practices under contract are scheduled to	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

be completed within two years of the obligation date?	
13. This application includes one of the following practices: 340, 554, 647, 592, 449, 590, 595, 528, 329, 345, 585, 633, and/or 644 and the applicant (by Tax ID number) has not received EQIP Financial Assistance for the same practice scenario within the last 5 years.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Has the applicant (by Tax ID number) had prior year EQIP, WHIP, or CSP contracts which were cancelled or terminated due to contract violation(s) within the past three program years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. This application will address Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. This application will address Water Quality Degradation – Excessive Nutrients in Surface and Ground Waters.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. This application will address Soil Quality Degradation -- Subsidence.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. This application will address Soil Erosion -- Concentrated Flow.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. This application will address Soil Quality Degradation – Organic Matter Depletion.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. This application will address Soil Quality Degradation - Compaction.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. This application will address Degraded Plant Condition - Excessive Plant Pest Pressure.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. This application will address Degraded Plant Condition - Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. This application will address Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Feed and Forage.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. This application will address Inefficient Energy Use -- Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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#### Ranking Score

<p>Efficiency:</p> <p>Local Issues:</p> <p>State Issues:</p> <p>National Issues:</p> <p><b>Final Ranking Score:</b></p>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<p><b>NRCS Representative:</b></p>   <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b></p>   <p><b>Signature Date:</b></p>
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